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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
(SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION)

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the final Office Action dated December 28, 2007 (the "Office Action"), and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith. A request for an extension of time accompanies this response, which is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.